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Speaker David Ralston

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House Speaker David Ralston Appoints Role of Federal Government in Education Study Committee

Kickoff meeting to be held July 30th at the State Capitol

ATLANTA—House Speaker David Ralston (R-Blue Ridge) today announced the following appointments to the Role of Federal Government in Education Study Committee:

House Members

- Rep. Brooks Coleman, Co-Chair, (R-Duluth)
- Rep. Carl Rogers, Co-Chair, (R-Gainesville)
- Rep. Rick Jasperse (R-Jasper)
- Rep. Buzz Brockway (R-Lawrenceville)
- Rep. Mike Glanton (D-Jonesboro)

Superintendents

- Robert Avossa, (Milton), Fulton County Schools Superintendent
- Charles Wilson, (Statesboro), Bulloch County Schools Superintendent
- Mark Scott, (Bonaire), Houston County Schools Superintendent

Teachers

- Justin Adams, (Mansfield), Math and Social Studies teacher at Henderson Middle School in Butts County.
- Sarah Ballew Welch, (Blue Ridge), English Language Arts teacher at Fannin County High School in Fannin County.
- Beth Blankenship, (Preston), English Language Arts teacher at Webster County High School in Webster County

Parent/Grandparents

- Misty Skedgell, (Powder Springs), Skedgell has three children in Cobb County Schools.
- Hubert Parker, (Ellijay), Parker has three grandchildren in Gwinnett County Schools.
- Eric Johnson, (Hahira), Johnson has two children in Lowndes County Schools.

State Board of Education

- Helen Rice, (LaGrange), State Board Chair

"Education is one of the most important issues that we address as policymakers," said House Speaker David Ralston. "Funding, mandates, and other directives that come down from the federal government, as they relate to education, deserve a thorough review by leaders in our state from time to time. I plan to ask this committee to examine these issues as well as the role the federal government played in the adoption of the common core state standards. I am very excited that this group of leaders and educators agreed to give of their time to do just that, and I look forward to addressing the study committee next week."

The Committee will hold its first meeting on **Wednesday, July 30, 2014 from 1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. in room 606 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building**. The Coverdell Legislative Office Building is located at 18 Capitol Square, Atlanta, Georgia, 30334.

The Role of Federal Government in Education Study Committee was created by HR 550 and the appointments were made pursuant to the resolution. Click here to see more information about this study committee. The study committee meetings will be called and scheduled by Co-chairs Coleman and Rogers. Click here for information about other 2014 study committees.